ORDINANCE

OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND, AMENDING CHAPTER 184, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", BY REPEALING AND REENACTING §184-9, "PERMIT PARKING IN RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL ZONES"

TO BETTER DEFINE WHERE VISITOR PARKING PERMITS MAY BE USED AND TO PROVIDE AN ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-201 *et seq*. of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the City of College Park, Maryland (hereinafter, the "City") has the power to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality and to prevent and remove nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted Chapter 184-8, "Permit parking in restricted residential areas" to allow for permit and visitor parking in residential neighborhoods when initiated by Mayor and Council or be resident petition; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Council that misuse of the parking and visitor permits is occurring; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to adopt certain amendments to Chapter 184 to prevent misuse of the permits and provide an additional enforcement mechanism.

Section 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland that Chapter 184, §184-9"Permit parking in restricted residential areas", be, and is hereby repealed, reenacted and amended to read as follows:

A. – B. * * * *

C. Residents abutting on such streets in the designated area may apply for parking permits, on forms to be provided by the City Manager, for their own vehicle(s) and for persons doing business with residents there and for some visitors. [Abutting residents shall be given preference over visitors of such residents.] The City Manager, for good cause shown, may

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[:] Indicate matter added to existing law.

[:] Indicate matter deleted from law.

waive the parking restriction as to visitors or persons doing business with residents or a given day or night.

D. – H. * * *

I.THE PURPOSE OF THE VISITOR PERMIT IS TO ALLOW THE PARKING OF VEHICLES IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS ISSUED FOR SOCIAL OR BUSINESS PURPOSES. VISITOR PERMITS ALLOW PARKING ONLY WITHIN 200 FEET OF THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET ON WHICH THE PROPERTY FRONTS AND ON AN INTERSECTING STREET.

J. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER ENFORCEMENT, A RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT OR VISITOR PARKING PERMIT MAY BE REVOKED IF USED IN VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER. PRIOR TO REVOCATION OF ANY PERMIT, THE RESIDENTS AND OWNER OF THE PROPERTY TO WHICH THE PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED SHALL BE GIVEN WRITTEN NOTICE OF MISUSE BY THE CITY. ONCE SAID NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN, THE PERMIT MAY BE REVOKED FOR CONTINUED MISUSE.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that, upon formal introduction of this proposed Ordinance, which shall be by way of a motion duly seconded and without any further vote, the City Clerk shall distribute a copy to each Council member and shall maintain a reasonable number of copies in the office of the City Clerk and shall publish this proposed ordinance or a fair summary thereof in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of College Park together with a notice setting out the time and place for a public hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council. The public hearing, hereby set for ________, 2014, shall follow

the publication by at least seven (7) days, may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special Council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time. All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard. After the hearing, the Council may adopt the proposed ordinance with or without amendments or reject it. As soon as practicable after adoption, the City Clerk shall have a fair summary of the Ordinance and notice of its adoption published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City of College Park and available at the City's offices. This fair summary of this Ordinance is published at least once prior to the date of passage and once as soon as practical after the date of passage in a newspaper having general circulation in the City. **INTRODUCED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____, 2014. **ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the ______ day of _______, 2014. **ATTEST:** CITY OF COLLEGE PARK Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk By:_____ Andrew M. Fellows, Mayor APPROVED AS TO FORM AND **LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:** Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney